

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 and 2.

Add the following new claims:

3. (new) A blow-off valve for a hydraulic dashpot, comprising: a fluid charged cylinder; a piston on an end of a piston rod and traveling back and forth in said cylinder, said piston dividing said cylinder into two chambers; ducts and shock absorbing valves in said piston; at least a part of said piston rod being hollow and having operating components; said piston rod having an outer surface with at least one axial inwardly undulating groove having a length at least as long as a height of said piston including said operating components and fastenings.

4. (new) A blow-off valve for a hydraulic dashpot, comprising: a fluid charged cylinder; a piston on an end of a piston rod and traveling back and forth in said cylinder, said piston dividing said cylinder into two chambers; ducts and shock absorbing valves in said piston; at least a part of said piston rod being hollow and having operating components; said piston rod having a bore with at least one radially outward groove; and a spring-loaded valve for closing said groove at an end of a compression phase of said piston.

5. (new) The blow-off valve for a hydraulic dashpot as defined in claim 3, including an extension on said piston rod for holding said operating components and fastenings.

6. (new) The blow-off valve for a hydraulic dashpot as defined in claim 4, including an extension on said piston rod for holding said operating components and fastenings.

7. (new) The blow-off valve as defined in claim 4, wherein said groove opens into an annular depression outside

said piston; said groove having a bed; said spring-loaded valve comprising a disc with an edge resting on said bed.

8. (new) The blow-off valve as defined in claim 6,  
wherein said groove opens into an annular depression outside  
said piston; said groove having a bed; said spring-loaded valve  
comprising a disc with an edge resting on said bed.